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Hospice fund hits the £10,000 mark

By NEIL DOCKING

MORE than £10,000 has been donated to the Raise the Roof appeal – in just three weeks.

The Lancashire Telegraph launched the campaign to raise £125,000 to build a new roof over East Lancashire Hospice's inpatient unit last month.

Sharon Crymble, fundraising manager at the charity, confirmed that as of yesterday the total stood at £10,846.

She said: "We've done it thanks to the Lancashire Telegraph's readers and the hospice's supporters. They have been incredibly generous in such a short space of time.

"But we still need a lot more, £114,154 to be precise.

"We would really like people to organise events in their own neighbourhood.

"When the people of East Lancashire raised the money for the original hospice building, the founder Dr Seigleman said different groups competed to see who could raise the most. It would be great to see all that competitive spirit again to help us reach this goal."

The hospice, in Park Lee Road, Blackburn, already needs to raise £2.8 million each year to support local people who have terminal and life-threatening diseases.

Chris Devlin, of Oswaldtwistle construction firm J&C Devlin Ltd, will be the man tasked with replacing the roof if the £125,000 is raised.

He said: "We've found quite a few problems. There have been multiple places that have needed damp works to patch them up and the roof has just about reached its shelf-life.

"Thieves stealing lead flashing disturbed sections of the roof covering."

Chris says that the project would take three months.

How you can donate

East Lancashire Hospice has introduced a new mobile phone text message donation service especially for this campaign. Here are the ways to donate:

- Text ROOF to 70700. Texts cost £5 plus network charge. East Lancashire Hospice receives at least £4.45. Obtain bill payers permission.
- Customer care 08448479800. Charity No 1075653.
- Alternatively you can donate online at www.eastlancshospice.org.uk/roof-appeal. Remember to add the word 'roof' in the comment section so it is clear the donation is for this appeal.
- You can make a payment at any Yorkshire Bank, Account No 22741541, Sort Code 05-02-52.
- You can send a cheque to Roof Appeal, East Lancashire Hospice, Park Lee Road, Blackburn, BB2 3NY.
- Or you could pay by debit, or credit card, over the telephone by ringing 01254 733410.

FUNDS NEEDED: From left, Christine Hornby, Mark McConnell, Denise Gee, Jamie Lyons, Sharon Crymble and Zahira Koreja

Towns go wild over royal visit

PRINCE William and his bride-to-be Kate Middleton got a proper East Lancashire welcome when they visited in their last official duty before their wedding.

STORY 3

ROCK PEDIGREE

BLUES singer Deborah Bonham, sister of Led Zep drummer John, talks about her latest album and her local concert which will be recorded live for her fans

STORY 13

Animal lessons

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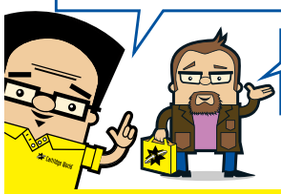

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Answers for animals

SATURDAY surgeries with an animal welfare officer are now taking place in Accrington.

Whalley Road charity shop Hyndburn Stray Dogs in Need is hosting the sessions with animal welfare officer Steve Wood, above.

Steve is on hand to discuss welfare issues. Sessions take place on Saturday mornings.

Charity's cash joy

An East Lancashire charity for vulnerable people, and their carers, has been given a £55,000 cash boost.

Care Network Limited, in Blackburn, was one of three local charities to benefit from £1.6m government funding handed out to 21 organisations across the region. The charity, created in March 2003, helps more than 6,000 vulnerable people.

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Royal nearly-weds cast spell over us

By NEIL DOCKING

PRINCE William and his bride-to-be Kate Middleton captured the hearts of the people of East Lancashire in their last official engagement before their wedding.

Despite awful weather all Monday morning, crowds waited excitedly at Darwen Aldridge Community Academy and Witton Park in Blackburn to see the royal couple.

And right on cue, after hours of rain, the sun came out and shone brightly as they stepped from their car for a walkabout in the park.

Some 5,000 people waited for hours to catch a glimpse of the couple, and they got their reward in warm sunshine at Witton, the public section of their two-stop visit to Lancashire.

Earlier at 11am, the pair, who marry on April 29, had been welcomed with union flags and banners outside Darwen Academy, which they were invited to officially open.

After a tour of the school away from the eyes of the crowds, they travelled to Witton in a fleet of luxury Land Rovers, escorted by the police.

At Witton, the couple completely charmed the crowd, spending much of their time shaking hands and speaking to people who had come to wish them well.

As they completed the walkabout there were shouts of 'good luck' and 'we love you'.

Little Caitlyn Jenkins, six, was complimented on her pretty nail varnish by Kate.

Mum Lizzie, 24, said: "Kate was beautiful, absolutely stunning, and to meet her up close was unbelievable. When we came down here I never thought we would actually meet them. Caitlyn was so happy to be complimented by Kate."

William and Kate looked happy and relaxed with less than three weeks to go before their big day.

Kate was looking slim in a stylish navy blue jacket and skirt with her hair in a 'swept up' style.

Many wellwishers, both young and old, were furiously waving flags, bunting and holding high home-made banners.

Eileen Burton, 81, from Accrington, said: "It was lovely to see the two young royals. They are delightful.

"It would take more than a bit of wet weather to put me and my friend off. We had been waiting since 9.15am."

ALL SMILES: Prince William and Kate Middleton talk to young footballers at Witton Country Park. Below, the crowds enjoy the day despite the rain

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Hero nurse is to take retirement

By NEIL DOCKING

NURSING VISION: Kath Eccles wo has helped countless patients suffering from diabetes complications

A nurse whose vision helped hundreds of diabetic people avoid leg amputations has retired.

Kath Eccles, 59, dedicated more than 40 years to nursing in East Lancashire.

Naming Florence Nightingale as her heroine, she was dubbed an NHS hero herself last year, appearing in a TV series featuring staff making exceptional differences to their patients' health.

Kath's career began at Queen's Park Hospital in 1969 as an 18-year-old nursing cadet. She became a staff nurse in the A&E department, developing a special interest in orthopaedics.

Later she teamed up with Dr Geraint Jones, a diabetes specialist who is now East Lancashire Hospitals' medical director. With a newly-created diabetes team they designed a service dedicated to protecting patients' feet.

Diabetes can restrict blood flow in feet, sometimes resulting in severe ulcers and infections so that patients' legs have to be amputated.

Together with fellow diabetic foot specialist Gill Lomax, Kath developed the Blackburn Boot cast. It relieves pressure on ulcers and helps ensure foot lesions heal quickly. The service and boot have both been adopted all over the UK.

Gill said Kath was 'totally dedicated' to her patients.

She said: "In her free time she has worked for the Red Cross for many years. We will all miss her very much, both personally and professionally."

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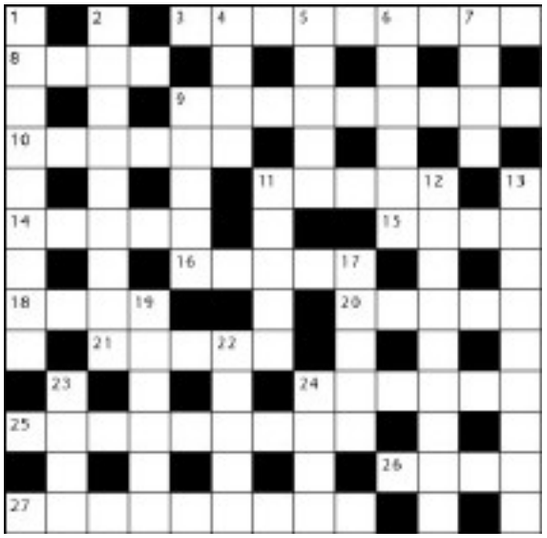

CRYPTIC CLUES

Across

3. Very hot, as arranged, but too quick (9)
8. Somehow reap fruit (4)
9. Annoying and looking around the street (9)
10. Our previously old-fashioned grief (6)
11. A service returns to Indian state (5)
14. Was about to come in with goods (5)
15. Pleasant resort (4)
16. Cathy capsizes boat (5)
18. Step to the right with a gun-runner (4)
20. Shore up the animal (5)
21. Girl loses her head over slang (5)
24. Some Dorset terrier or another dog (6)
25. Cane under trial for lasting ability (9)
26. Proceed to find the fool (4)
27. Plan to dig around for something with which to gild a lily (4,5)

Down

1. Digging done by one in a suit (9)
2. Ran libel article about a dancer (9)
4. Ever out off course (4)
5. Duty lists for cooking the roast (5)
6. Pilot has to arm Ian somehow (6)
7. Vehicle with worn top (4)
9. Cat got into a rumpus systematically (5)
11. Coats thrown at the races (5)
12. Turns into a grim journey (9)
13. Tree trend can be off-putting (9)
17. There's odd number (5)
19. You give it when retreating (6)
22. Love bad actor to return to an American city (5)
23. Cause the downfall of United Nations party (4)
24. Read the descant part (4)

QUICK CLUES

Across

3. Assign (9)
8. Frolic (4)
9. Primness (9)
10. At sea (6)
11. Seraglio (5)
14. Mortal (5)
15. Stable (4)
16. Faith (5)
18. Peel (4)
20. Surmise (5)
21. Vex (5)
24. Gap (6)
25. Mechanical (9)
26. Worry (4)
27. Willingness (9)

Down

1. Treason (9)
2. Salary (9)
4. Jog (4)
5. Dance (5)
6. Credo (6)
7. Carry (4)
9. Swoon (5)
11. Dwelling (5)
12. Tiny (9)
13. Vast size (9)
17. Poisonous (5)
19. Destitute (6)
22. Fish-eggs (5)
23. Dumb (4)
24. Sibilate (4)

Solutions

Cryptic Answers – Across: 3 Overhastly; 8 Pear; 9 Pestering; 10 Dolour; 11 Assam; 14 Wares; 15 Nice; 16 Yacht; 18 Rung; 20 Horse; 21 Argot; 24 Setter; 25 Endurance; 26 Goon; 27 Gold paint. **Down:** 1 Spadework; 2 Ballerina; 4 Veer; 5 Rotas; 6 Airman; 7 Tank; 9 Pussy; 11 Ascot; 12 Migration; 13 Deterrent; 17 Three; 19 Ground; 22 Omaha; 23 Undo; 24 Scan

Quick answers: Across: 3 Attribute; 8 Romp; 9 Formality; 10 Dolour; 11 Harem; 14 Human; 15 Firm; 16 Trust; 18 Rind; 20 Opine; 21 Tease; 24 Hiatus; 25 Automatic; 26 Fret; 27 Readiness. **Down:** 1 Treachery; 2 Emolument; 4 Trot; 5 Rumba; 6 Belief; 7 Tote; 9 Faint; 11 House; 12 Miniature; 13 Immensity; 17 Toxic; 19 Devoid; 22 Spawn; 23 Mute; 24 Hiss.

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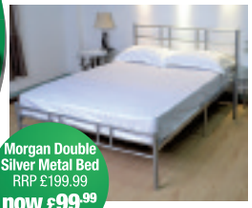

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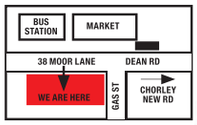

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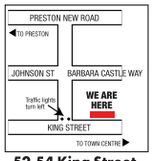

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Roof at last for rail platform

By NEIL DOCKING

A NEW £1.7million project to cover platform four at Blackburn railway station has been unveiled.

The platform was the only one left without a roof after a £5million refurbishment ten years ago.

The new project will also include a lift for disabled passengers and those with luggage. The new canopy will be in place by winter.

At the time of the 2001 refurbishment, Network Rail said there was little need for the platform to be covered because it was hardly used. But now trains regularly call at the platform and passengers have to wait in a bus-stop-style shelter.

Network Rail route director Jo Kaye said: "The lack of shelter on platform four is the one thing that passengers have told us they want resolved more than anything.

"Now the funding has been secured, we will make sure they have the new facilities before the winter weather arrives."

The canopy will extend to cover almost the entire length of the platform, including the slope from the subway, which is currently exposed. Seats will be provided under the canopy, which will be lit and covered by CCTV.

Work is expected to start next month.

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Therapy centre's animal attraction

By EMMA CRUCES

A former social worker has created a 'haven' for people with learning disabilities on a Hyndburn farm.

Lynn Fielding said the new 23-acre Rishton attraction would provide the only animal-themed therapy currently available in Lancashire.

Harwood Edge Care Farm, on the site of the former animal therapy centre Lord's House Farm, will have emu, deer, birds, horses, llamas, cows and sheep as well as rabbits, chickens, guinea pigs and micropigs.

The mum-of-four, who has 24 years' experience as a social worker specialising in mental health issues, said the site would also cater to disadvantaged youngsters.

She said: "There is nothing else like this in Lancashire and many find contact with the animals very therapeutic.

"I am hoping it will make a real difference to people's lives. With all the support centres closing down, there are lots of people who need these facilities."

Other activities expected to be on offer include llama trekking, nature walks, vegetable growing, cookery classes, numeracy and IT courses as well as camping events.

The former Lords House Farm facility at the Wilpshire Road site closed when the organisation moved to a smaller site in Cumbria.

Harwood Edge Care Farm plans to open its doors on Monday, May 2.

ANIMAL HAVEN: Lynn Fielding, who is behind the therapy scheme

£577m bids for cash pot

Regeneration hopes for East Lancashire have been dealt a blow after it was revealed a new regional fund has been massively oversubscribed.

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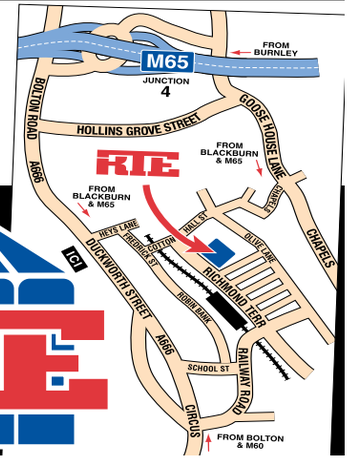

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Grappling with movies

Triple H chats about winding down his WWE wrestling career and reveals how acting will play a part in his future with his first movie – family comedy The Chaperone, released on Blu-ray and DVD on April 18.

60 SECONDS WITH ... TRIPLE H

SO, YOU'RE A MOVIE STAR NOW?

I've done films in the past and did Blade Trinity with Wesley Snipes a few years ago and at the time I was offered some more stuff but at the time I was right smack bang in the prime of my wrestling career and that was really what I wanted to focus on so I didn't do anything with the offers.

Here we are a few years later and WWE has a film department and they offered me this chance to do a couple of films, and it was fun.

SO ARE YOU MOVING AWAY FROM BEING A FULL-TIME WRESTLER?

I'm 41 - my wrestling career is winding down. It's a young man's business.

I think I can contribute more to the WWE by helping the younger guys to succeed and I'll still be there doing what they need me to do. But I do think I have to wind it down.

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Deborah's on record

By KATE TURNER

THE one piece of advice Led Zeppelin drummer John Bonham passed down to his little sister – she totally ignored.

But after a quarter of a century on stage Deborah Bonham is glad she didn't heed the words of warning from her brother to stay out of the music industry.

The late Bonzo, regarded by many as one of the best rock drummers of all time, warned Deborah – 17 years his junior – not to follow his career path.

Deborah simply couldn't fight an overwhelming desire to write and perform.

The 46-year-old singer songwriter has opened shows at the Los Angeles 'House of Blues' with guests Slash and Terry Reid, as well as completing several tours of her own.

Back in the UK and Europe, she has toured and performed with Van Halen, Paul Weller, Humble Pie, Foreigner and Paul Rodgers. Until this year her band remained the same group of musicians she had been with since she started out.

ROCK CHICK: Deborah Bonham

And last month with the addition of drummer Marco Giovino from The Band Of Joy, Deborah and the band got back into the studio to record their fourth album.

The Worcester born rock chick said: "Marco is a fantastic drummer. He brings a new sound for us. It's still rooted in blues but we're more up to date.

"This album has a lot stronger songs than my previous work. "

And Deborah promises to bring some of her latest material with her to Clitheroe when she will headline the Saturday night of the town's inaugural blues festival.

Playing the main stage at The Grand Theatre, Deborah will also be recording a live album in the venue's state-of-the-art recording studios.

"I've never been to Clitheroe and it'll be a great opportunity to bring our new stuff to somewhere different. I'm really looking forward to it."

Deborah is no stranger to East Lancashire, having played at Colne's 20th anniversary Great British Blues Festival in 2009.

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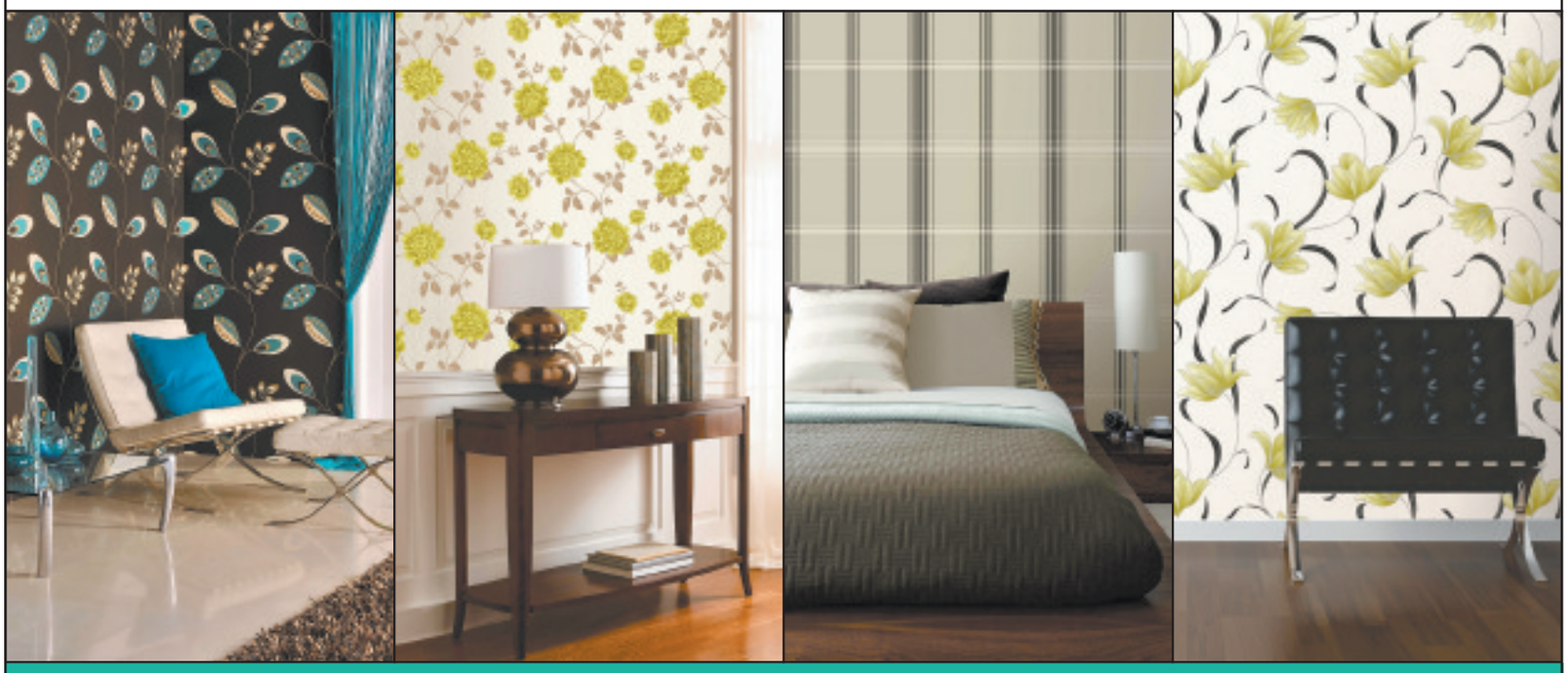

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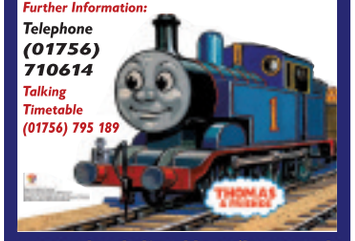
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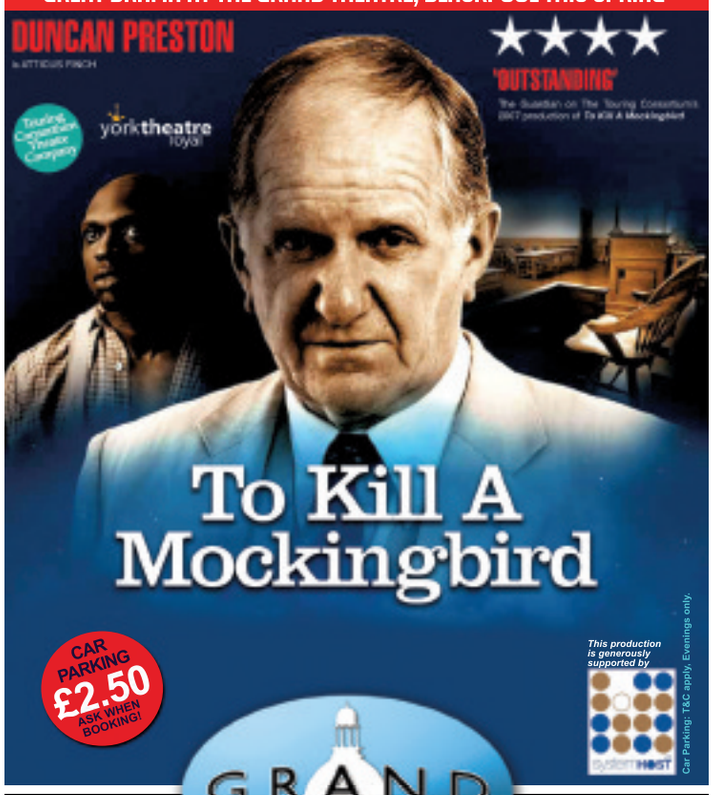

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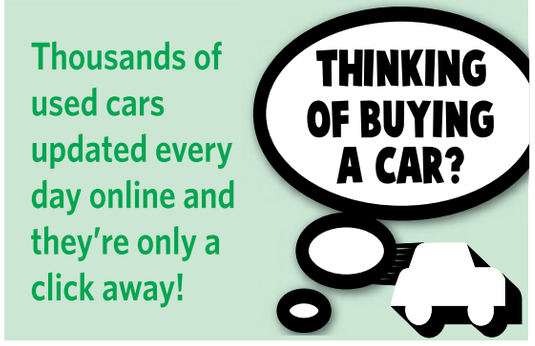

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